

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Welch, Grubb

A RESOLUTION recognizing Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, Inc. for its many accomplishments and acknowledging the donor community of Indiana for the gift of life.

Whereas, Countless people have been given a second chance at life through organ transplantation;

Whereas, Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, Inc. (IOPPO) is the nonprofit organization that has dedicated itself to the procurement of organ, tissue, and eye donations throughout Indiana;

Whereas, Through the hard work and generous donations of Indiana families, since 2001 there has been a 30 percent



increase in organ donors and a 19 percent increase in organs transplanted;

Whereas, In 2002 there were 53 heart, 203 kidney, 110 liver, 52 lung, and 24 pancreatic transplants, giving the precious gift of a second chance to live to 442 people;

Whereas, In recognition of its outstanding work in the procurement of organ donations, Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, Inc. was awarded a \$1.3 million, three year federal Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) grant to help advance the clinical science of organ recovery to help make more organs available for transplantation from each donor;

Whereas, Of the 59 organ recovery agencies in the United States, Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, Inc. was one of only two to receive an HRSA grant;

Whereas, While the work of the IOPO is important in procuring organs for transplantation, transplant recipients would not be alive today without the generosity of families who have made this life-giving decision;

Whereas, Organ donation also offers families of donors some comfort in their time of loss through the knowledge that their loved ones have been able to give a very ill person a second chance at life; and

Whereas, Although organ transplantation does not guarantee life, it gives a seriously ill person a chance he or she would not otherwise have had to live a normal life: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 thank Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, Inc. and the donor
3 community of Indiana for helping to save many lives and their tireless
4 efforts on behalf of seriously ill people of Indiana.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Indiana Organ
7 Procurement Organization, Inc.

